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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 22ND NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Pilate orders an inscription to be placed on the cross: 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. Thus he announces the conclusion to which he has come about the man sent to him for interrogation and sentencing. The essential content of that interrogation appears in today's gospel. It is a strange interchange, where the accused acts as judge. It is he, not Pilate, who dominates the proceedings. Does Pilate want to make Jesus admit his claim to royalty? Jesus does not deny the claim, but before answering the Roman procurator, he raises a preliminary question, as if he wanted this official to commit himself personally: 'Do you ask this of your own accord?' Jesus continues, saying that if Pilate is speaking of the royal title in the political sense in which Jesus' accusers take it, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.' He has come into the world 'to bear witness to the truth'. It is as witness to the truth that he is king. It is for this he was born and for this he will die. Jesus died to exorcize forever the temptation to reduce his gospel to one or another of the political forces of society. No political ideology or system can claim to be able to establish an earthly utopia because no political system can liberate us from sin and give us the grace and reassurance of God's love and our salvation. This is the 'truth' Jesus brings us. He is King of the Universe because he rules a kingdom of self-giving redemptive love from the 'throne' of the cross which offers justice, light and peace to all, something that no other system, person or ideology can offer.

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Response to Psalm: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16; **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; **Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £507.05; Loose Plate: £426.52; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1532.57**

Mill End: Envelopes: £334.40; Loose Plate: £169.58; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £597.73**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October amounted to **£2124.38**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: Rickmansworth £862.91; Mill End £241.81; Chorleywood £337.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 22ND NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 7.15pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Young Adults Pub Social with Fr Mark	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Coach and Horses
MON 23RD NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH NOVEMBER	2.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Priest, Prophet, King DVD Series - hall Priest, Prophet, King DVD Series - hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 25TH NOVEMBER			
THU 26TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 28TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 10.30am - 12.30pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions St John Fisher Christmas Fair Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Coffee and chat after 6.00pm Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Margaret Harkin RIP	6pm (Vigil) Private Intention
SUNDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Robert Burdin RIP 6pm Mary & Frank Leary RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER <i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER		9.30am Charles Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	10am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER <i>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Holy Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Maureen Digges, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Valerie Foster, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page and Joe Donnelly.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Rita Garrett, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Tony and Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Jacob Stern, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane and Susan Maynard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2015

The leaflet giving the times and locations of the Advent Programme, Advent Reconciliation Services and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend. The leaflet can also be downloaded from the three parishes' websites on the *Advent and Christmas 2015* tab.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Fr Shaun will be available on the following dates to meet with parents requesting a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a child seeking a reception place at a Catholic school in September 2016: Tuesday 8th December (Our Lady's Parish Hall) 5pm to 6pm; Monday 14th December (Our Lady's Parish Hall) 5pm to 6pm; Saturday 2nd January (Our Lady's Presbytery) – 10.00am to 11.00am. It is essential that you bring with you the child to whom the application applies. There is no need to make an individual appointment, please just turn up at any point during the above times. **N.B. A Certificate of Catholic Practice can only be given when there is clear evidence of regular Sunday Mass attendance in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.**

ADVENT PROGRAMME 2015

This Advent we will be following Bishop Robert Barron's six part DVD series *Priest, Prophet, King*. Through this series we will have the opportunity discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. *Priest, Prophet, King* will be offered as both an afternoon and an evening programme on a **Tuesday** (we begin before Advent so as to be able complete the six episodes before Christmas) at **2.00pm and at 7.30pm** in **St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End**.

On the first three Wednesdays of Advent (2nd, 9th and 16th December) at **7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall**, there will be a series of *Thought-Provoking Films for Advent* (more details later in the month).

RECOMMISSIONING OF READERS

At all Sunday Masses on the weekend of **5th/6th December** (2nd Sunday of Advent) all of our Readers will be re-commissioned in their ministry. All Readers are requested to make a special effort to attend one of the Masses on that weekend.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) this **Sunday 22nd November** for a drink and a chat.

PETITION ORGANISED BY THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The government has decided to exclude some key recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry on the treatment of asylum seekers and the SVP believe that this should be reconsidered. There will be the opportunity over the next 2 weekends to sign a petition which will be sent to the government to express concern about the manner in which asylum seekers are treated in the UK. Please take time to sign this petition as you leave the Church.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

We are, once again asking for donations to assist the Catholic Worker Farm and Mary House, who accommodate refugees and their young children. They are currently in need of soap powder/detergent for washing machines. There are collection boxes in the three church porches. Thank you for your generosity SVP.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY MISSIONARY GROUP

The Bethlehem Nativity Missionary Group would like to thank all parishioners for the generous amount that was spent last weekend purchasing their olive-wood religious articles. The total amount raised was **£2869.66**. This sum will be used to support needy Christian families. Thank you for your generosity.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

For those of you who would like to consider becoming a member you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting on **Tuesday 8th December at 10.15am** at St John Fisher, Chorleywood. Meetings last approximately one hour.

A number of parishioners have indicated that they would like to make a regular donation to support the work of the SVP: Thank you for offering this support! A bank account is being set up for our local Chess Valley SVP. This will make it possible to make donations to your local SVP group and to Gift Aid these donations. Details will be given in the newsletter once the account is in place. You can also donate direct to the National SVP if you prefer.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE.

This Christmas, why not give the gift of helping someone to work their way out of poverty with a CAFOD World Gift. These alternative Christmas gifts make unique presents for family or friends while making a real difference for many in the developing world. CAFOD World Gift Catalogues are available for you to take home after Mass, and the full selection is also available online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If you were confirmed this year and would like your baptism certificate back, please contact Kerry at the parish office (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm).

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH)

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 28th November** from **1.00pm - 4.00pm**. All most welcome - please come along and support our school.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR ADULTS (18 – 30'S) – FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. We continue our journey through the Year of Consecrated Life with Sr Camilla and Sr Gabi from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham reflecting on new expressions of consecrated life. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PIPE ORGAN BLESSING

The blessing of the organ will take place at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, when we will hear it played at Mass for the first time. I hope that many parishioners will attend this Mass. *Fr Shaun*

LAST CALL! ADVENT FAIR - NEXT SUNDAY 9AM-1PM

Please come and support us and local businesses next weekend to raise money for the **Michael Sobell Hospice**. Please can all cake bakers bring their goods to the church hall on the day, anytime from 8am. Any money raised from selling the cakes will go directly to the hospice. A wide variety of stalls will be available for you to make a start on your Christmas shopping. Come hungry as bacon/sausage sandwiches and lots of cakes are on sale. Roll up for the tombola and remember a professional face painter will be available. For any tombola donations after this weekend please contact Laura by email laura.sharp@live.co.uk or phone 07939 224664 to arrange collection/drop off as this is the last weekend boxes will be in the porch. Thank you in advance for your support.

ADVENT WREATHS/ADVENT FAIR

Pat Kelly and I will be having our usual stall at the Advent Fair - despite our offer of retirement! So that we can get an idea of the number of Advent Wreaths required, please can you e-mail or phone me if you would like to order one. The cost is £10. The wreaths will be available for collection on the day of the fair, 29th November. Thanks. Carol Bartlett – 01923 773841 or e-mail me at carolbart37@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS - THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER FROM 1-3PM

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas Party in Our Lady's Church Hall. We will have a finger buffet lunch and a quiz. Transport will be provided, if necessary. If you are interested please telephone Susan Ray on 01923 778796 or Theresa Jubber 01923 772618 or e-mail sandaray17@hotmail.com so that we may know the numbers.

PLANNED GIVING BOX NO. 146

Would the parishioner with planned giving box number 146 please contact Kerry, the Parish Administrator, with your details.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place next **Sunday 29th November** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need which supports persecuted or oppressed Christians in over 130 countries around the world. We hope that you will come and join us!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fair is on **Sunday 13th December** and we need your help to make it a success. Could we please ask for donations of bottles, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and wrapped sweets. There are boxes in the porch for you to leave your donations. We will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Rickmansworth Food Bank again this year. At their request can they please have toiletries and socks for men and women only. Please wrap your gift and label it for a man or woman. On the weekend of the Fair we will be looking for donations of homemade cakes and pies as this stall is always popular. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the children's Christmas party is on **Sunday 20th December** immediately after the 10.30am Mass. The party is open to all children of primary school age and younger.

APF - RED BOX

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their Red Box/Envelope for APF. Your generosity is very much appreciated. 2016 Calendars are now available in the porch for Red Box holders. If anyone still has their box/envelope please be aware that all monies must be collected by the beginning of Advent at the very latest.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEXT SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 10 - 12.30

Thank you for all the lovely gifts you have brought in so far. We will be open all day next Friday, 27th, for stalls set-up and to receive last minute gifts. (If you wish to deliver at other times, please call Mary Latimer 284975). Please remember to bake some **cakes or savouries** to bring for the cake stall, and don't forget the **Great Mince Pie Bake Off** for all children up to 13 (six mince pies on a plate, with your name underneath). Please come along and join us on the morning and enjoy all the fun of our Charity Christmas Fair. Bring your family and friends.

CHAPEL CLEARANCE

The moving of the furniture, bringing in tables, books and boxes will take place after Mass this Sunday (approx. 10am). We will greatly appreciate all the help anyone can give us. At the end of the Fair (12-12.30) we would again be grateful for help reconstructing the Chapel. By Saturday evening, it is all like a dream!

COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS – 28TH NOVEMBER

On Saturday 28th November after the 6.00pm Mass there will be the opportunity for coffee and chat in the lounge. This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to have a chat with each other and with the parish clergy. We hope that to make this a monthly event (on the last Saturday of the month).

	This week 21 / 22 November				Next week 28 / 29 November			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie	R Ellis	E Page	C Johnson	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	M Calvert	T D'Urso	AM Farnsworth	Ann Brew	A Opie	C Holly	E Price	Don Williamson
21 November	Laundry: T Price			27 November	Church Cleaning: M Calvert			